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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 09/902,933 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROGRAMMABLE FLUIDIC PROCESSING" – Frederick F. Becker et al*
Our reference: UTXC:569USC1
Client reference: MDA98-010CON1

Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be

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This application is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/249,955, filed February 12, 1999 and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of those documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/249,955 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present statement, as evidenced by the date of the enclosed search report.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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